

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 542
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A RESOLUTION to urge the Department of Environment and Conservation to approve the building of multipurpose trails in the Meeman Shelby State Park Forest and to provide a detailed explanation of reasons if approval is not given.

WHEREAS, as the importance of greenways and parks are ever increasingly important to our well-being and the Earth, we join with the Meeman Shelby Forest Trail Savers, Inc. (MSFTS) to encourage the reestablishment of a multipurpose trail in the Meeman Shelby State Park Forest; and

WHEREAS, MSFTS has been in existence for three years, with the organization's stated purpose being "the reestablishment of a multipurpose trail which would include equestrian use" within the park area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed trail's purpose is "to provide a recreational experience for equestrian trail riders and hikers that is an optimization of opportunities to find solitude, to appreciate the natural aesthetics of the ecosystem, and to find general relaxation in a natural environment"; and

WHEREAS, having taken great pains to pick out an optimum location for the trail, MSFTS has performed all of the preliminary work in checking soil samples, mapping out the layout and design of the trail, contacting an expert, Dr. Gene Wood, on the specifics of the trail's design, and figured preliminary fiscal costs estimates; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Department of Environment and Conservation be urged to approve the building of the multipurpose trail at Meeman Shelby State Park Forest, and to provide a detailed explanation of reasons if approval is not granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation.